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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

Recent Storm, Tornado Damage in Coconino County

"Earlier today, I witnessed firsthand the horrific devastation in and around Bellemont left by a series of tornadoes on Wednesday. The destruction is heartbreaking. My thoughts and prayers are with the residents of Bellemont, Flagstaff and Coconino County as they have endured the tragedy of recent fires, floods and, now, tornadoes.

"Despite the wreckage and ruin, I find hope in the fortitude and resiliency of the people affected. On behalf of the state, I will continue to work diligently with officials from Coconino County to review any appropriate public assistance and support available.

"I would like to thank the State Department of Emergency Services and the many volunteers from the American Red Cross, Coconino County and the state and federal governments for coming together as a state family, providing invaluable support and assistance during this very difficult time."